the spread of the disease from these sources of infection." "Such a scheme of prevention and organised home-treatment," continued Dr. Moller, "can, however, not be worked at all satisfactorily without the necessary basis for the support of it. The first of all anti-tuberculosis activities in the State should, therefore, be the establishment of the necessary basis by the construction of a few modern tuberculosis clinics and a sanatorium." I might state here that Dr. Moller's suggestion for an up-to-date sanatorium at Trichur has been taken up by Government and a committee is just now engaged in the task of finding out a suitable site for locating it.

WAR EFFORTS

I have not attempted to take you to the leading provisions of the budget relating to the Transferred Departments, as the Honourable Minister for Rural Development would be explaining to you its salient features. All that remains for me to do is to give you a short account of the war efforts made by this State. In his budget speech last year, the Diwan-President pointed out in eloquent terms that we in this State "do not stand as an isolated unit in the world but as a component part of a mighty Commonwealth of Nations," and that we should "give cheerfully and liberally for the cause which is as much ours as that of Great Britain."

It is gratifying to observe that the work of the War Committee of this State has been very successful and that the response from the citizens of the State showed that they have felt it their duty to assist in every way the fight against those who attempt to crush the freedom of humanity. Till the end of May 1941, a sum of Rs. 1,05,951—1—3 was collected, and, out of this, contributions to various War Funds were made to the extent of over Rs. 94,000. In addition to the above contributions, the whole resources of the State have been placed at the disposal of Great Britain and her Allies for the successful conduct of the war. A contribution of Rs. 10,000 is made every month to His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, and the sum of Rs. 1,20,000 which finds place in the budget for next year represents the sum total of contributions on this account for next year. Besides, a contribution of Rs. 20,000 has recently been made to the above fund. The amount represents the savings in expenditure effected, at His Highness's command, by reducing the functions connected with His Highness's recent Installation. I have no doubt that the gracious example set by His Highness will inspire all His Highness's loyal subjects to give their unstinted support, service and sacrifice to promote the

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sacred cause, which is as much ours as that of Great Britain and her Allies.

The development of events on the Continent of Europe establishes, more than ever, the necessity for concerted efforts to resist "the tide of evil" that is "menacing the permanence of civilisation." And unfortunately for us, with the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and Russia, our country has been brought distinctly the nearer to the terrible havoc and devastation that runs riot in Europe. As has been pointed out, in Europe nation after nation has been caught napping by the subtle and sinister lightning strokes of Nazi strategy. Should not India profit by the lessons of European disunity and vacillation? Or will she, too, ignore, till too late, the eternal and inescapable truth of that well-tried proverb, "United we stand, divided we fall"? Field Marshal Lord Birdwood, in a message to the Indian Press the other day, wisely observed that this was no time for India to steer a middle course. "India, if she is to survive with her great cultural institutions intact, must choose at this moment," he said, "whether she will avail herself of the lessons so clearly and tragically demonstrated by the results of shortsightedness and petty political dissensions in Europe; or whether, neglecting these lessons and the urgent warning of Iraq, she, too, will fritter away her chances of survival and resign herself to a new era of suffering and servitude." It is a matter for sincere satisfaction, however, that Indian leaders, on the whole, have fully realised the perils now confronting the religious, social and economic lives of the people of India and are contributing in every way they can towards the speedy victory of the allied arms. Indian troops in North Africa, Syria and other places have already distinguished themselves by the great courage and enthusiasm they have displayed in upholding the banner of freedom and liberty, and it is up to us now to give of our very best, freely and ungrudgingly, in the service of the same sacred cause.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NAMES OF THE PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

Mr. President: I have to announce that. Mr. M. K. Devassy and Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty will constitute the Panel of Chairmen for this Session.

PLACING OF STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AUTHORISED BY GOVERNMENT

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg

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